

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 3 and 9 without prejudice..

1. (currently amended) A computer peripheral device comprising:

circuitry to perform a computer peripheral function;

Universal Serial Bus (USB) cable that provides a connection to a computer; ~~and~~

USB/IR (infrared) transceiver operably coupled to the USB cable and to provide infrared transmissions with peripheral devices, wherein at least one of the circuitry and the USB/IR transceiver is actively coupled to the computer via the USB cable; and

switching circuitry that is operable to switch between the circuitry and the USB/IR transceiver based on a selection input, wherein the switching circuitry actively couples either the circuitry or the USB/IR transceiver to the computer.

2. (original) The computer peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the circuitry further comprises being implemented to perform at least one of: a mouse function, a keyboard function, a portable printer function, a microphone function, hand scanner function, and a video camera function.

3. (cancelled)

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4. (original) The computer peripheral device of claim 1 further comprises a USB hub operably coupled to the circuitry, the USB cable, and the USB/IR transceiver, wherein the USB hub enables both the circuitry and the USB/IR transceiver to be actively coupled to the computer.

5. (original) The computer peripheral device of claim 4 further comprises at least one USB port operably coupled to the USB hub.

6. (original) The computer peripheral device of claim 1, wherein the USB cable further comprises a pair of USB cables, wherein one of the pair of USB cables is coupled to the circuitry and another of the pair of USB cables is coupled to the USB/IR transceiver.

7. (currently amended) A computer peripheral device comprising:

circuitry to perform a computer peripheral function;

a cable that provides a connection to a computer; and

infrared transceiver operably coupled to the cable and to provide infrared transmissions with peripheral devices, wherein at least one of the circuitry and the infrared transceiver is actively coupled to the computer via the cable; and

switching circuitry that is operable to switch between the circuitry and the infrared transceiver based on a selection input, wherein the switching circuitry actively couples

either the circuitry or the infrared transceiver to the computer.

8. (original) The computer peripheral device of claim 7, wherein the circuitry further comprises being implemented to perform at least one of: a mouse function, a keyboard function, a portable printer function, a microphone function, hand scanner function, and a video camera function.

9. (cancelled)

10. (original) The computer peripheral device of claim 7, wherein the cable further comprises a pair of cables, wherein one of the pair of cables is coupled to the circuitry and another of the pair of cables is coupled to the infrared transceiver.

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